

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0001], beginning at page 1, line 3, as follows:

**[0001]** The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for determining the state (such as a condition of fitness or degradation) of bank notes.

Please amend paragraph [0005], beginning at page 2, line 1, as follows:

**[0005]** It is therefore the problem of the present invention to specify a method and apparatus for determining the state (that is, a condition of fitness or degradation) of bank notes that permit improved determination of the state of bank notes.

Please amend paragraph [0013], beginning at page 3, line 1, as follows:

**[0013]** The sensor assembly 30 has sensors 31, 32, 33, for example a first optical sensor 31 which detects light remitted by the bank note, a second acoustic sensor 33 which detects ultrasonic signals coming from, in particular transmitted by, the bank note, and a third optical sensor 32 which detects light transmitted by the bank note. The sensors 31, 32, 33, perform measurements for determining ~~the state~~ a state or condition of fitness or degradation of the bank notes by which they detect properties of each individual bank note and produce corresponding data. For this purpose the sensors 31, 32, 33 detect the bank notes with a certain resolution resulting in a pixel size with which the bank notes are scanned and detected.